



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2878, **Agenda Item #:** 72.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to an agreement with Youth and Family Alliance d/b/a LifeWorks to provide housing stability services for youth, to add one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$162,880, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$472,195.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$162,880 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside Fund grant period is September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Prior Council Action:

August 26, 2021 - Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to accept and appropriate additional \$696,602 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison off the dais.

August 26, 2021 - Council approved a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$696,602 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program and the Homeless Housing and Services Program Youth Set-Aside, and the negotiation and execution of a related contract, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison off the dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute a 12-month extension with LifeWorks for youth homelessness services. Eligible grant-funded activities include, emergency shelter services, case management, street outreach, and transitional living for homeless youth and young adults up to age 24.

Amendment No. 1 exercised the first extension option for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 30, 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$153,961.

LifeWorks is the current recipient of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program and coordinates with several community partners to

end youth homelessness, including the SAFE Alliance, Caritas of Austin, and ECHO.

The Homeless Housing and Services Program Homeless Youth Set-Aside fund was authorized by the Texas Legislature in House Bill 1 of the 86th Legislative Session. The Governor signed House Bill 1 on June 15, 2019.

Rider 16 provides direction regarding the new funding: “Funding to Address Youth Homelessness. Funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1. Poverty-Related Funds, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year to assist regional urban areas with a population of 285,000 or more, in providing services to unaccompanied homeless youth and homeless young adults 24 years of age and younger. Eligible services may include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, and transitional living. The agency shall distribute these funds through the Homeless Housing and Services Program.”

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.